

READ TO ACHIEVE

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"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

Dr. Seuss



WEBINAR

There were some technological difficulties with the webinar on February 26 so if you were unable to view the webinar on that day you can access it at

<http://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/videos/read-to-achieve-webinar-3/>

Most computers and devices including iPads and smartphones can view/download the webinar from here. It will be available through Thursday, March 7.



As an interventionist, each of you is a vital part of the Rtl process at your school. If your school is struggling to refine the framework, there are names of schools that have exemplary practices in Rtl on the KDE website.

Important Dates

April 23 1:00 ET WEBINAR 4

The fourth webinar will focus on teaching vocabulary and motivating reluctant readers.

Please continue to keep your attendance data on the excel document provided to you in December. If you have any questions about the attendance information presented in the webinar, let me know.

March 2nd was the second annual Read Across America celebration in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday.

To find RTA information at
education.ky.gov and type RTA in the search box.

March 4-8 is Kentucky Literacy Celebration week. The intent of the event is to highlight literacy in Kentucky and celebrate the accomplishments and focus on the challenges we still face as a state. The theme of the year's event is "Bridges to Literacy". Kentuckyliteracy.org has more information.



MEETING

The Reading Diagnostic and Intervention Grant Steering Committee, who advises the direction of the RTA grant, will meet this spring. The exact date has yet to be determined but I will announce it in the April newsletter. The meeting is open to the public.

The Florida Center for Reading Research has many student activities for fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary for grades K-5. There are also phonological awareness and phonics activities for K-3. For grades 4 and 5 there are activities for advanced phonics. The activities are free and easy to use. For more information go to <http://www.fcrr.org>



Changes

If there are any RTA contact changes at your school, please notify me so I can make sure I get future information to the correct people. If you know of someone who is not on my contact list and wishes to be, please let me know that as well.

The Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children commemorates the work of Johannes Amos Comenius. *Orbis Pictus—The Words in Pictures* (1657) is considered to be the first book actually planned for children.

2013 Winning Title for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children

Monsieur Marceau: Actor without Words

by Leda Schubert, illustrated by Gerard DuBois ([Roaring Brook Press](#))

2013 Honor Books

Citizen Scientists: Be a Part of Scientific Discovery from Your Own Backyard

by Loree Griffin Burns, photographs by Ellen Harasimonwicz ([Henry Holt & Company](#))

Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin

by Robert Byrd ([Dial Books for Young Readers](#))

The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity

by Elizabeth Rusch ([Houghton Mifflin Books for Children](#))

Those Rebels, John & Tom

by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by [Edward Fotheringham](#) ([Scholastic](#))

We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March

by Cynthia Levinson([Peachtree Publishers](#))

Recommended Books

A Black Hole is NOT a Hole

by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano, illustrated by Michael Carroll (Charlesbridge Publishing)

Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship

by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books)

The Amazing Harry Kellar: Great American Magician

by Gail Jarrow (Calkins Creek)

Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust

by Doreen Rappaport (Candlewick Press)

The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs: A Scientific Mystery

by Sandra Markle (Millbrook Press)

Chuck Close: Face Book

by Chuck Close (Abrams Books for Young Readers)

Hands Around the Library: Protecting Egypt's Treasured Books

by Karen Leggett Abouraya, illustrated by Susan L. Roth (Dial Books for Young Readers)

Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle

by Claire A. Nivola (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)